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First Named Inventor: **ERICKSON, LEIF O.**Application No.: **10/028,659**Group Art Unit: **1734**Filed: **December 21, 2001**Examiner: **Mark A. Osele**Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR APPLYING A SPLICING  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action, mailed November 6, 2003, in the above-identified application.

Upon review of the file, it was noted that the initialed Forms PTO-1449 filed with the Disclosure Statements dated April 10, 2002; May 17, 2002; and June 27, 2003 have not been received. It is requested that the Examiner initial the Forms PTO-1449, copies of which are enclosed for the Examiner's convenience, and return them to the undersigned attorney.

This Amendment is believed to be timely submitted. It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.